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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Beat MOLLET

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: NOVEL STRAINS OF THE BACILLUS  
SUBTILIS GROUP FOR FOOD  
FERMENTATION

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4011

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed are copies of five (5) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. The references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report from the corresponding foreign application on which the references are cited. It is respectfully requested that the references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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